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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge

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Memo

From: Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)

To: Principal Investigators and Special Use Permit Holders

Subject: Revised Special Use Permit Renewal Guidelines & Important Reminders

The Sevilleta NWR research permitting system will begin implementing revised guidelines for Calendar Year 2003 as follows:

The new Refuge Management research contact for Sevilleta NWR is Assistant Refuge Manager Dennis Prichard.

All new and future researchers must have an individual reconnaissance permit and will not be permitted to tag along with a current researcher.

Individual projects must be submitted separately. Researchers cannot lump projects together.

Permit holders will not be required to sign in/out at entrance gates, and will not be required to call in. However, Permit holders will be required to email your name, permit # and date of entry to the research contact: dennis prichard@fws.gov

Additional instructions and New/Renewal Research Permit Applications are attached to this memo.

Please review important reminders below.

All interim 2002 reports are required prior to issuance of 2003 permits, **no exceptions**. Gate combinations will be changed the first part of January 2003.

Only persons listed on your permit are permitted to enter the refuge and work at designated research locations. If you wish to bring visitors (persons not listed on permit), you must request and notify Dennis Prichard for approval.

All individual research sites must be marked with PVC marker and Number. If you have not marked your site in the past or need to mark individual sites contact Dennis Prichard for

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